

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE/TIME REPORTED Local 08/1960 PDT GMT 09/0200		2. LOCATION FRESNO, CALIF		12. CONCLUSIONS	
		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilians (multiple)			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1-20 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS : 9. COURSE One N		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Contrails <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING  Pale, shining, elliptical object, on horizontal course, moving slowly, producing trail or trails. Reported by several observers.		11. COMMENTS  1. Preparing officer states that one observer is a "saucer fan". The second observer, a weather observer, passes the phenomena off as sunlights against ordinary contrails.			

8.1 What direction were you looking when the object disappeared?

- (Circle One): a. North  
b. Northeast  
**c. East**  
d. Southeast e. South  
f. Southwest  
g. West  
h. Northwest

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question and preceding question (8 and 8.1).

- a. Certain** c. Not very sure  
b. Fairly certain d. Just a guess

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or **No**

10. How was the object seen?

- (Circle One): a. Through window glass e. Through theodolite  
b. Through windshield f. Through sunglasses  
c. Through binoculars g. Through open space  
d. Through telescope h. Other \_\_\_\_\_

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- a. Clear sky**  
b. Hazy  
c. Scattered clouds  
d. Thick or heavy clouds  
e. Don't remember

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- a. Dry**  
b. Fog, Mist, or light rain  
c. Moderate or heavy rain  
d. Snow  
e. Don't remember

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

- a. No wind**  
b. Slight breeze  
c. Strong wind  
d. Don't remember

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- a. Cold  
b. Cool  
**c. Warm**  
d. Hot  
e. Don't remember

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object?

5 min. 1st time  
15 seconds 2nd time  
Hours Minutes Seconds

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

a. Certain  
 b. Fairly sure

c. Not very sure  
d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look: (Circle One)  Solid or Transparent

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

14.1 Change direction?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No	Don't know
14.2 Change speed?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No	Don't know
14.3 Change size?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No	Don't know
14.4 Change color?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No	Don't know
14.5 Break up into parts or explode?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No	Don't know
14.6 Give off smoke?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No	Don't know
14.7 Change brightness?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No	Don't know
14.8 Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No	Don't know
14.9 Remain motionless?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No	Don't know

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One):  Yes  No Don't know

15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? orange

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object?

16.1 Sound none

16.2 Color orange

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there?

Draw a picture of how they were arranged and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.



18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One)  Yes  No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

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18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes  No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

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18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes  No Don't know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

- a. Pea
- b. Baseball
- c. Basketball
- d. Bicycle wheel
- e. Office desk

- f. Automobile
- g. Small airplane
- h. Large airplane
- i. Dirigible
- j. Other cigar

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
- d. Uncertain

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

20.1 How high above the earth was it? \_\_\_\_\_ feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? \_\_\_\_\_ feet or \_\_\_\_\_ miles.

20.3 How fast was it going? \_\_\_\_\_ miles per hour.

20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
- d. Just a guess

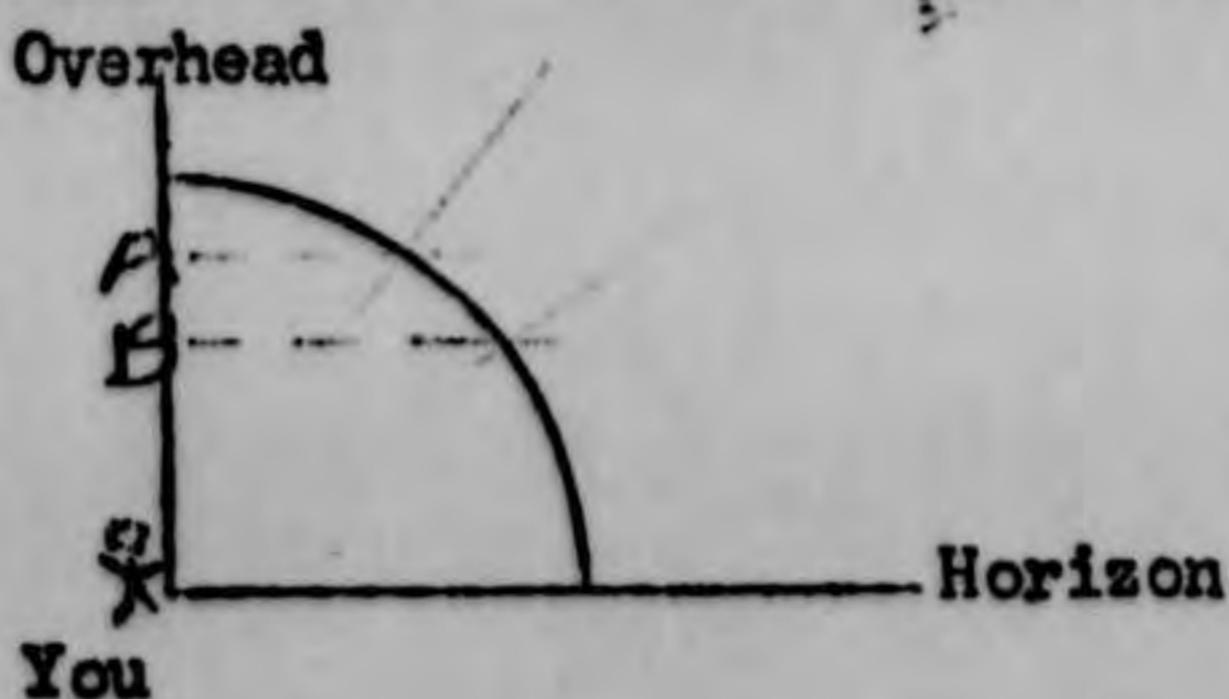
21. How did the object disappear from view?

(Circle One):  a. Suddenly  
b. Gradually

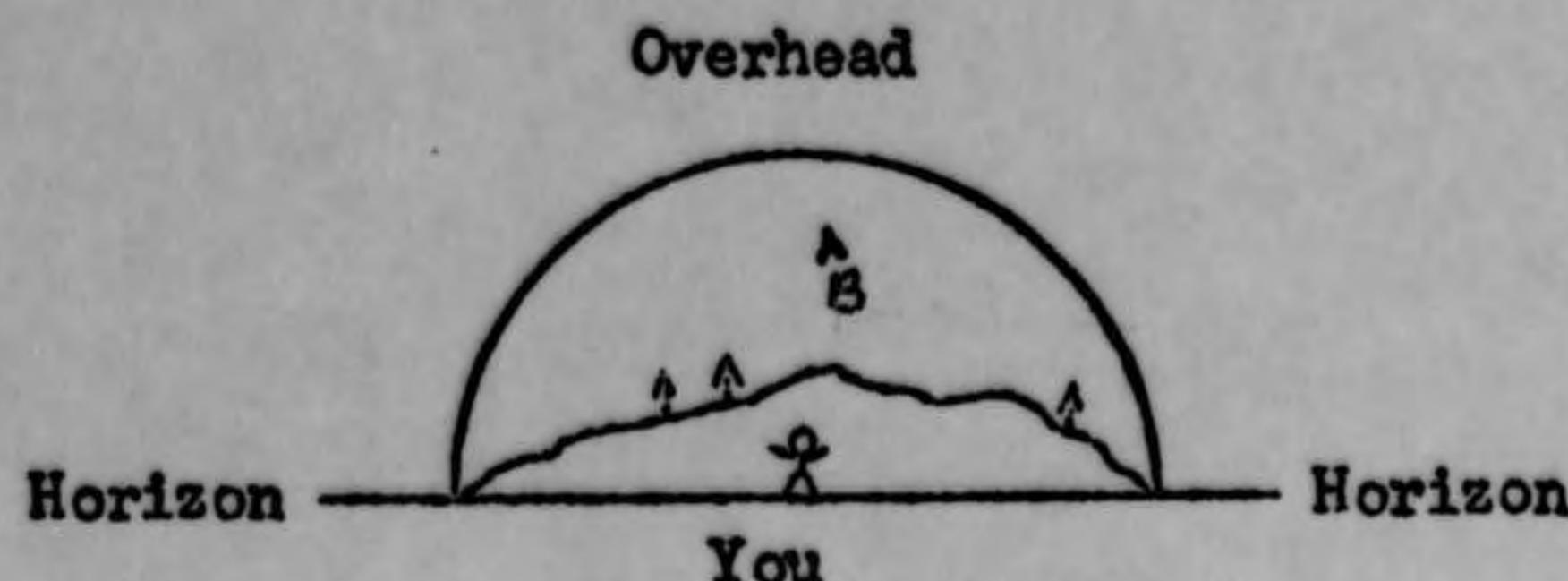
c. Other \_\_\_\_\_  
d. Don't remember

#### SECTION D

22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.



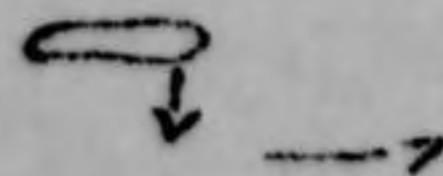
23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.



25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?

(Circle One): Yes or No

26.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see other ones? July 1. I saw a disc-shaped

object about 11:00 AM. The sky was  
unusually clear and disappeared in a few seconds <sup>very</sup> high

27. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

It was a solid object. He thought it might  
be some form of guided missile.

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

Banwali

Zone

Pas.

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job?

Housewife

Age 24

Sex female

29. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

The is Sabih &  
can't speak, read, or write English

Banwali Pa.

30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important.  
Use additional sheets of the same size paper, if necessary.

We are very familiar with airplanes as an air route runs right over the house. Am also familiar with jets. Do not believe this was a jet as there was no sound & no trail. Besides it moved slowly at first then increased its speed & slowed again. We live in a part of town where we have little traffic & would not be distracted by sounds from cars etc. It went straight up before disappearing. It seemed to descend & come closer before moving southeastward. Returned to the east & rose directly upward & disappeared. What we saw July 1st during the daytime was a silver disc shaped object. What we saw Sept. 6-8 at night seemed cigar shaped & orange. The objects esp. the one seen during the day were solid & not from the heat am just as certain of the ones seen at night.

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UNITED STATES

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

**IR-150-52**

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FLYOSRPT

California - Fresno area

Rq, 93d Bomb Wing, Castle AFB, California

30 Sep 1952

8 Sep 52 to 17 Sep 52

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Capt. R. G. Blos, Intelligence Officer

Civilian(s)

None

During the evening hours on 8 September 1952 a number of people reported the observance of an unidentified airborne object in the general Fresno area. This headquarters conducted an investigation, with findings as described in Part II.

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Wing Intelligence  
Castle AF Base, California

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1. Description of Object: One (1) or two (2) relatively short condensation, or exhaust trails, extending generally upward from an unidentified object. The object itself was not reported as having been sighted. Relatively slow speed reported - too slow for jet-type aircraft - and no sound was heard. Shape varied, with some people reporting it as being elliptical, later shortening to nearly circular; others reported it to appear similar to a comet tail, while still others reported trails (two) to be "hot dog" shaped, short, compact, and not at all similar to the usual jet or vapor trail. Trail was reported to be approximately 15 times as long as it was wide. Color was variously reported as:

- a. "ale, but shining, yellow at first, but becoming reddish later."
- b. "The appearance of a brilliantly lighted half moon."
- c. "Mercurious, or molten, like the sun when you look at it at noontime."
- d. "Not so mercurious; sort of light brown."

Object (or trail), was in sight for approximately 20 minutes, first reported as slowly descending, and then changing to a horizontal course. One person reported the two (2) trails to be fairly equal in shape and size, and apparently emanating from a common source. A second observer reported two (2) trails observed during descent, and one (1) trail while in a horizontal position, with the horizontal trail being approximately 20 times as long as the descending trails. Still a third person reported only one trail, which appeared to the observer to be a normal con trail modified in appearance by the fact that the sun was at a lower position on the horizon than the trail, with sun rays thus reflecting from below the object, or trail. No particular maneuver could be described by observers, other than a slow, generally descending course. Speeds of both descending and horizontal flight appeared to be about the same. Actual size, in feet, could not be estimated because of unknown distances involved. One observer estimated trail to be at least 15 miles distant.

2. Time: The most detailed account of this observation covered the period of 1905 to 1925, Pacific daylight savings time, 8 September 1952. Other times were reported as 1900 (for 4 minutes), 1920, and 2130, all on 8 September.

3. anner of Observation: All observations were by visual means, with no optic or electronic equipment being utilized. It had been erroneously reported that meteorologists of the Fresno Weather Bureau had tracked object with their instruments, however, inquiry revealed this not to be the case. One meteorologist from the weather station did observe trail, but only visually, and from his residence during off-duty hours.

4. Location: Reports were received from scattered points in the general vicinity of Fresno, primarily Dinuba, Hanford, Fresno proper, and Kingsburg.

a. Dinuba: Observation took place from street on eastern edge of town (approximately 36° 32' N 111° 24' W). Trails (two) were observed to west by southwest, at approximately 45 degrees line of sight angle, and at an estimated distance of 15 miles.

b. Fresno: Observation took place from yard of private residence located on northern outskirts of Fresno (approximately 36° 47' N 119° 47' W). One trail was observed from west to northwest, at approximate 25 degrees to 30 degree line of sight angle. Object, or trail, was estimated to be at approximately 30,000 to 35,000 feet.

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Wing Intelligence  
Castle AF Base, California

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**5. Reliability of Information:**

a. Mr. [REDACTED], California: This man had not previously reported unidentified aerial objects, however, his interest in this particular subject is so intense, that the investigating officer would classify him as a fanatic. [REDACTED] stated that he had even written to the President of the United States regarding the national policy and outlook on "flying saucers". He very definitely feels the probability of "visitors from an outer world". A cripple, confined to a wheelchair, and unemployed, he devotes a large portion of his time to study of this topic.

b. Mr. [REDACTED] Fresno Weather Bureau, Fresno: A former USAF Weather Officer now employed as a meteorologist. Appeared quite stable and intelligent, and discounted his own observation as nothing more than a normal con trail. He felt that the late hour, position of the sun, distance, etc., all combined to make observation appear unexplainable.

6. Weather: Clear sky--winds light and variable, of less than 5 MPH velocity (as reported by Castle AF Base Weather Office).

7. Related Activities or Conditions: None determined.

8. Physical Evidence: None.

9. Interception or Identification Actions: None determined.

10. Local Air Traffic: Aeronautical facilities in the Fresno area were checked to determine possibility of any aircraft known to be airborne in the area at this particular time, but negative results were obtained. No local records were available to indicate what other aircraft may have been flying the Fresno area at this time.

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Asst Wing Intelligence Officer

**IR-150-52**

Dinuba

9 Sept 1962, 3 AM

Sir, was there an identified or known aerial object over the area south of Fresno and west of Dinuba between 7:05 and 7:25 P.M., Monday, Sept. 3rd?

At about 7:05 P.M. Sept 3rd I saw westward (a little south of west), an object which sawed to be slowly descending from "upstairs" perpendicular to the ground. Actually I could not see or hear the object, but could see the relatively "short" exhaust or vapor tail or trail. There were, in this descent, at least 2 of these short streamings extending upward from the descending object.

Incidentally the object appeared to be about at least 50 degrees above the horizon. After descending for a time, the object turned northward (from here, it looked as though it headed toward Fresno). After it started northward still 40 - 50 degrees above the horizon, the exhaust or vapor (?) tail, still clinging to the object, lengthened greatly in comparison to the tail during descent. The object continued to seem to travel relatively slow, for it remained in sight here for at least 20 minutes.

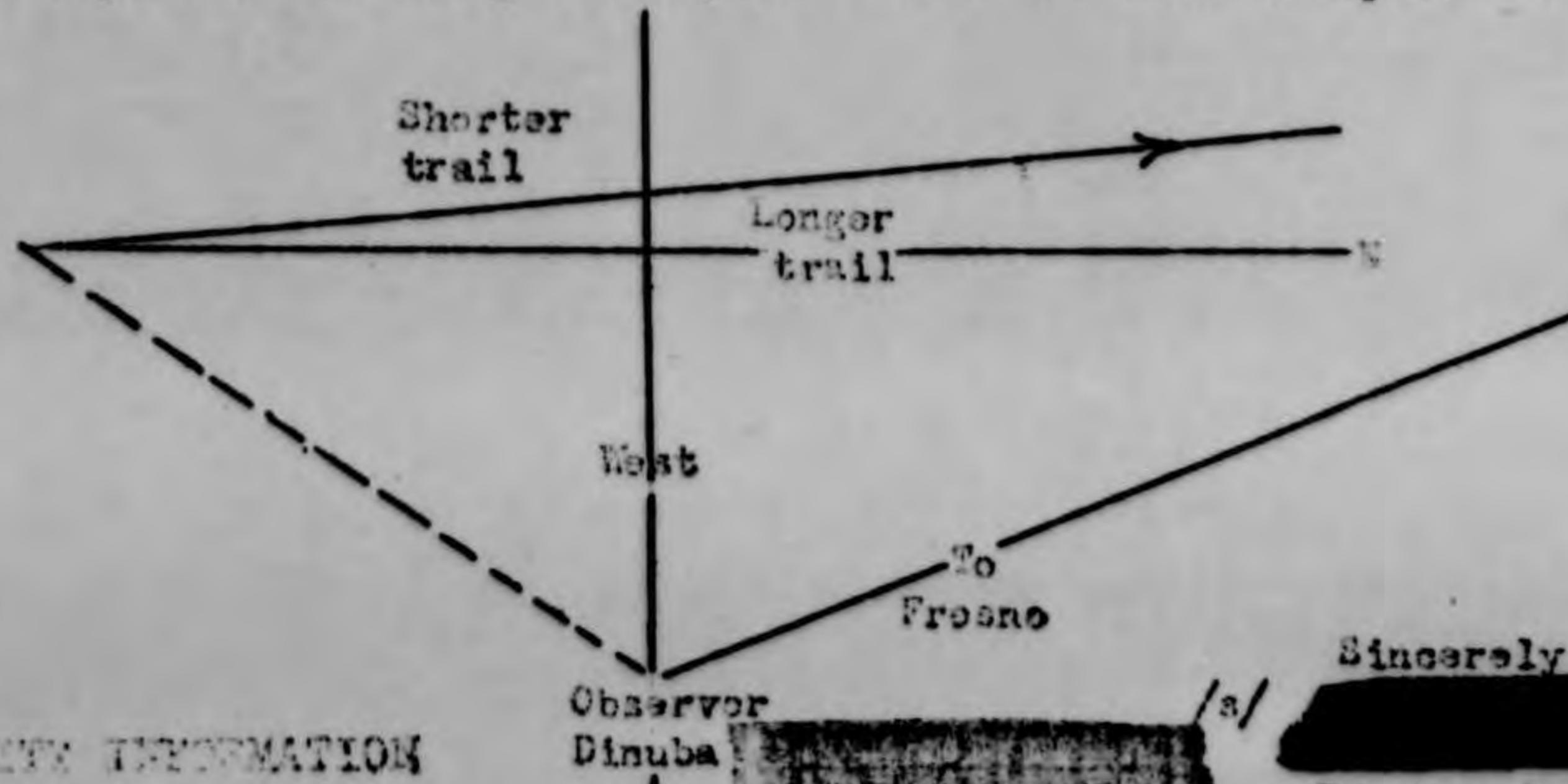
The tail or trail seemed to remain a constant length as the object went north.

I live in the east part of Dinuba. The object was not seen by me, due to trees, etc obstructions, after 7:15 P.M., but my brother-in-law who lives on the northern outskirts of Dinuba had a clearer view and he saw it until about 7:25 P.M. when the exhaust or vapor tail or trail seem to disappear and the object seemed to become a ball before it disappeared from his view completely.

My nephew, about 9 yrs old, also observed that the object seemed to go "too slow for a jet" and the trail wasn't like they usually are.

Too no sound was heard(here).

I thought that newscasts (from Fresno's KMP or KFRM) this morning might report and identify the object. But there were no reports to my knowledge.



Sincerely

Dinuba, Calif

**IR-150-52**

News Article Appearing in Fresno Bee 9 September 1952

**JET 'TRAILER' IS BLAMED FOR 'BALL OF FIRE'**

**Great balls of fire!**

That is what many San Joaquin Valley residents swear they saw in the northwest sky last evening.

In Hanford many people reported it to Police Lieutenant Jack Holcomb; a California Highway Patrolman was halted on the Golden State Highway near Kingsburg by motorists who pointed it out, and many people in Fresno and other nearby areas watched it.

To some it appeared elliptical, later shortening to nearly circular, but other reports said it looked like the tail of a comet.

Meteorologists of the Fresno Weather Bureau to whom it appeared to be almost west, said it apparently was a vapor trail laid down by a jet plane at about 35,000 feet altitude and illuminated by the rays of the setting sun.

The vapor had a pale, but shining, yellow color at first but became reddish later, and according to some reports drifted northwestward about 9:30 PM.

The vapor trail had the appearance of a brilliantly lighted half moon for Doris Webb of 230 Clarke Street. Webb said he was standing near Tulare and Divisadero Streets when he viewed the sight. He said it appeared to be moving northward and eventually disappeared.

AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER  
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE  
OHIO

*On 2nd Rep't  
JL*

18 September 1952

Mrs. [REDACTED]

Shamokin, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

Your recent report of unidentified aerial phenomena has been received by the Air Technical Intelligence Center. Inclosed is a questionnaire, which, when completed by you and returned in the inclosed, self-addressed envelope, will aid in standardizing the data and will provide a complete record of the occurrence.

Your interest in reporting the matter and your public spirited desire to be of service are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

*R.E. Kennedy*  
ROBERT E. KENNEDY  
Major, USAF  
Air Adjutant General

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TENTATIVE  
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE - 4763.00

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 6-8 September 1952  
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of Day: 8:50 9:15 A.M. or P.M. (Circle One)  
Hrs. Min.

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

- |                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| a. <u>Eastern</u> | d. Pacific     |
| b. Central        | e. Other _____ |
| c. Mountain       |                |

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving  
b. Standard

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of  
your answer to the above question 1.2:

- |          |                   |                  |
|----------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1st time | a. Certain        | c. Not very sure |
| 2nd time | b. Fairly certain | d. Just a guess  |

2. Where were you when you saw the object:

[REDACTED] Iberville Penn. North  
City or Town State Country

Additional Remarks: I saw the object two nights.

Lat. Depth. Mon Sept 6th.

3. Where were you located when you saw the object:

- (Circle One): a. Inside a building d. In an airplane  
b. In a car e. At sea  
c. Outdoors f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

3.1 Were you:

- (Circle One): a. In the business section of a city?  
b. In the residential section of a city?  
c. In open countryside?  
d. Flying near an airfield?  
e. Flying over a city?  
f. Flying over open country?  
g. Other \_\_\_\_\_

4. How did you happen to notice the object? It was brought to my attention by my grandmother. Both times.

5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

Tuesday    Sept. 9    1952  
Day              Month              Year

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#### SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? outside  
talking to my grandmother

6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object?  
Try to list the activity or activities and the approximate amount of time spent on each.

Listened to the radio for about 15 min  
then went over next door to talk to my  
grandmother.

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes        or        No

IF you answered YES, then complete the following questions:

7.1 What direction were you moving?

- (Circle One):    a. North                          e. South  
                         b. Northeast                         f. Southwest  
                         c. East                                   g. West  
                         d. Southeast                           h. Northwest

7.2 How fast were you moving? \_\_\_\_\_ miles per hour.

7.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One):    Yes        or        No

8. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object?

- (Circle One):    a. North                          e. South  
                         b. Northeast                         f. Southwest  
                         c. East                                   g. West  
                         d. Southeast                           h. Northwest